

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated December 28, 2004. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Leppisaari et al. (EP 0 884 905 A2).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites "an image-recognition processor coupled to the video-input device to receive and analyze the video image, wherein the image-recognition processor is configured to recognize characteristics of the face in the received video image, compare the characteristics of the face in the received video image to a predetermined set of face-characteristics and selectively generate a feedback signal based on the comparison." (emphasis added). Other claims recite a similar language. The Leppisaari does not disclose comparing the characteristics of a face in a received video image to a predetermined set of face-characteristics and selectively generating a feedback signal based on the comparison, as recited in the claims.

In the Leppisaari reference, the terminal 10 is equipped with pattern recognition means which has been arranged to search for a particular figure (such as the head and upper body of the user). When the head and the upper body are located in the image, the terminal 10 adjusts the focusing of the camera on the face of the user. (*See page 3, lines 52-58 of the reference and page 2, lines 48 to page 3, line 17*). However, the terminal 10 in the reference does not compare the characteristics of a face in a received video image to a predetermined set of face-characteristics and selectively generate a feedback signal based on the comparison, as recited in the claims.

Thus, claims 1, 6, 8, 13 and their dependent claims distinguish over the art of record.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

No new claims have been added and no claim fee is due herein. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 17-0026 for a three month extension of time, from March 28, 2005, to June 28, 2005. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

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